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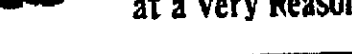
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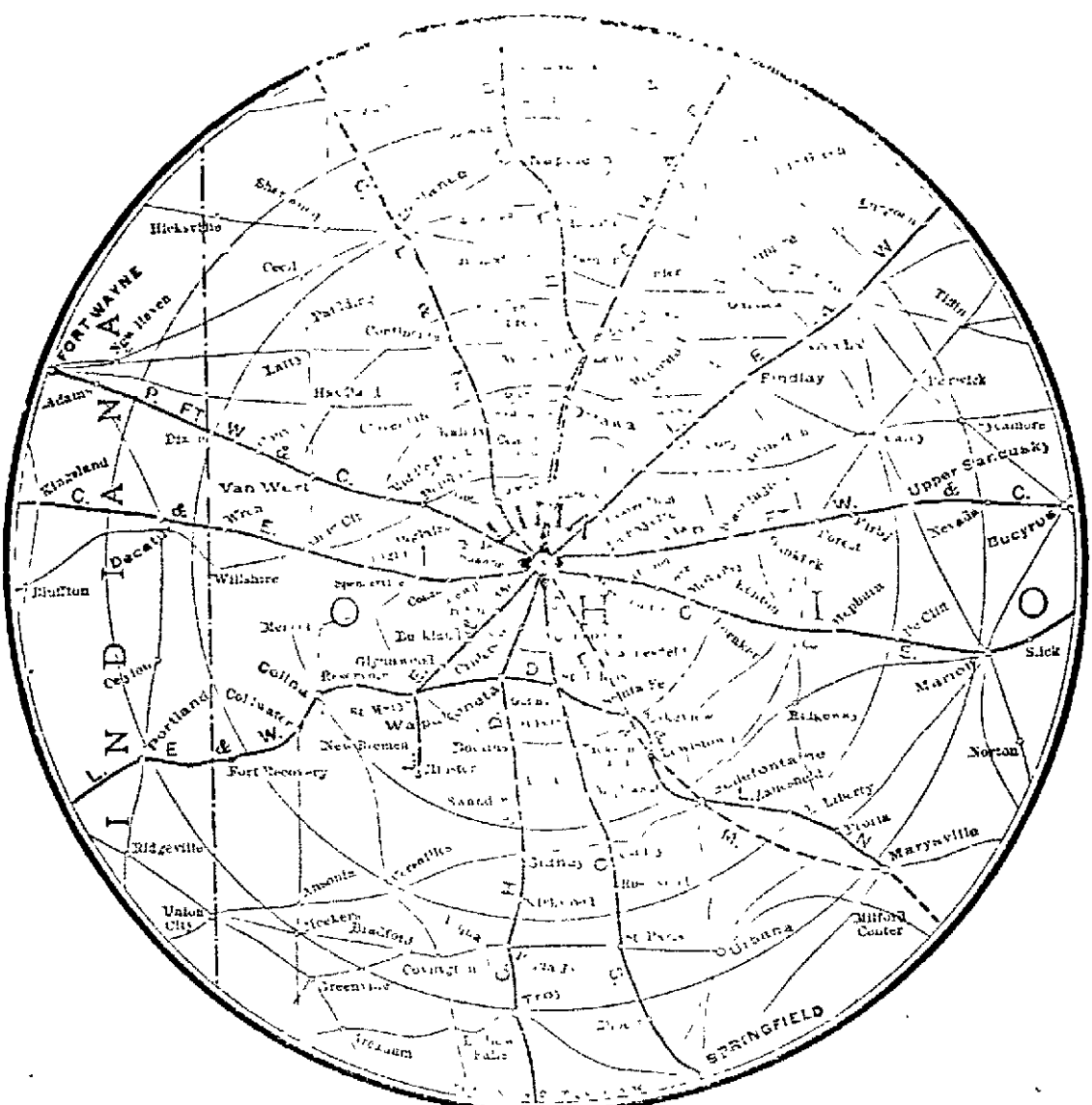
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CHAMP CLARK'S LETTER

Noted Members of the Republican Happy Family.

QUEER IDEAS THEY HOLD.

Senator Chandler Expects Self Effacement of Mark Hanna.

HOW M'ANEY SKINNED CASE

Some Comments on the State of Affairs in Ohio, Where Chandler Expects Harmony to Prevail in the G. O. P. Rank—Dick and McKim in Their Little Gubernatorial Controversy—Joseph D. Sayre, the Heretofore Trust Hunter From Texas—His Splendid Character and Career.

[Special Washington Letter]

I date on optimism. They are blessings to mankind. It is better to look upon the world through rose tinted glasses than through yellow spectacles. As an optimist Senator William E. Chandler not only takes the cake, but swipes the cake bakery. If a national fair for optimists should be held, Chandler would walk off with the blue ribbon, dead sure. Recently he was asked if he thought the Republicans would win in the next presidential election, whereupon he made this astounding reply: "Yes, but certain things will be necessary. There must be Lymore in Ohio, with conciliation and self-effacement on the part of Mr. Hanna." Yes, oh, yes! But isn't that about the most optimistic sentence ever uttered? It may be that some time, somewhere, somehow some banister in the small, wee hours of the morning has expressed as posteriors a hope as that there will be Lymore in Ohio, though I doubt it exceedingly. But surely no such vain desire ever before was cherished in a human heart as Chandler's to the effect that Marcus A. Hanna, American Warwick, will efface himself! Senator Chandler might as well expect Neptune to surrender his trident, Jove his power to thunder, Secretary Long his beloved Sampson or the devil his horns and horns and tail. He might as reasonably expect a mother to sacrifice her child, a she bear her cub or the will service commission the ambition to run the whole show. He might as well expect goldbugs not to perform a work of supererogation in suggesting platforms and nominees for the Democrats or Governor Roosevelt not to be jealous of General Fred Funston.

I am not well up on transcendental philosophy as it is propagated in Boston, but I have somewhere read that its leading feature is to "seek the unattainable." Perhaps that cult has sloshed over into New Hampshire and found a distinguished convert in Senator Chandler, for certainly since the morning stars first sang together no philosopher has sought anything more unattainable than that Mr. Hanna should efface himself. The idea of perpetual motion is not a wilder dream than New Hampshire's senior senator as dreamer as to Mr. Hanna. No, no, senator, you are "raising" to borrow a New England word, I "guess" you know what "raising" means—you are "raising" the Boston transcendentalists in seeking the unattainable.

"Find the sea to slumber still, Find a color to the lid, Find the aspen leaf to quiver, Then hush!" Mark to efface himself.

Some Parallel Contingencies.

Perish the thought! Canst thou, O optimistic senator, imagine a contingency in which the late Hon. P. T. Barnum would have relinquished the glorious privilege of advertising himself as progenitor of "the greatest show on earth"? No; and neither will Mark "efface" himself as the sole manager of the Republican circus. And doesn't he hold that position by indefensible title to a right of purchase? O contending, optimistic William!

Can you keep the lion from roaring, Or the rumbler a lock from changing? No, no, can you keep Mark from occupying the corner of the Republican stage until the American people run down the curtain forever on the Republican show?

To Senator Chandler and others who think that "too much Hanna" is killing the Republican party and who are inducing insensibility by trying to devise ways and means of disposing of Mark, I cheerfully commend this excerpt from Job:

"Canst thou drive out leviathan with a hook, Or his tail with a cord, or his head with a baited line? Canst thou put a hook in his nose, or a barb in his jaw? Will he speak words unto thee? Will he make a covenant with thee? Will he take of thee a servant forever? Will thou play with him as with a bird? Shall thy companions make a banquet of him? Shall they part him among the merchants? Canst thou fill his den with barbed hooks or his head with fishhooks?"

I am sorry to say that that great and good man, Hon. Lyman J. Gage, who "rattled" to the Republicanism in 1896 in order to obtain the portfolio of secretary of the treasury, is not a howling success as a controversialist. An contrite, as the French would say, he is a most complete and dismal failure. Recently he had a set to with Hon. George McVey, secretary of the National Civil Service Reform League, and now, said to credit, Lyman is minus nose of his candle and laid up for recovery, again owing to his set to with him. On this occasion he may have to resort to skin grafting to make his nose a pre-emptible President, when Lyman desires the title of civil service reformer as agent to the same.

Hanna did during the trial and I have a substitute I can suggest to him who has had large experience in doing civil service reforms. His name is General Charles Henry Grosvenor, my "grand old man of Athens." He is an expert, Charles Henry is, and his knife is always whetted to a feather edge. There's only one trouble about Lyman's securing his services as a dermatologist, and that is that General Grosvenor is a whole hog Republican and has no particular affection for new converts—converts at the high price of cabinet portfolios. Whether he has yet admitted Lyman to full fellowship I do not know, but if he has Charles Henry is the man that Lyman is in search of.

Short on Discretion.

The trouble with Lyman was that he was short on discretion and long—decidedly long—on zeal. In fact, he exhibited the proverbial zeal of a brand new convert, a thing which has heretofore brought better men than he to grief. Lyman, rushing in where veteran Republicans fear to tread, undertook to defend the president's recent civil service order turning over 2,000 fat offices to Republican spoilsmen—a feat that no man can accomplish. It can't be defended, for, when President McKinley was inaugurated, he solemnly assumed a waiting world that no backward step must be taken in the glorious and aesthetic theory of civil service reform, and yet by his late order he did take a step backward—a long step—so long indeed that five or six more such steps would absolutely obliterate the entire system of civil service reform. New England transcendentalists seek the unattainable. Lyman tried to accomplish the impossible, hence his tears and bruises and discomfiture. Mr. McKim made him the laughing stock of the civilized world, and he did it with skill and dispatch. No man can for long in this world run with the hare and hold with the hounds, as President McKinley will find out to his sorrow. A man cannot receive the plaudits—and what is more important to him, the votes—of civil service reformers and at the same time turn a wilderness of downy berths over to the famished Republican beetles. I am not saying whether the president was right or wrong, but I am saying that President McKinley can no longer pose as a civil service reformer. I haven't the honor of an acquaintance with Hon. George McVey, but nevertheless I must heartily congratulate him upon doing a tip-top job of skinning.

So, after the slobbering which John Bull and Mark Hanna have been doing on each other's shoulders, it appears that one bullheaded Canadian, Sir Wilfrid Laurier, is about to knock the fat in the fire. He really has the presumption to be in a mood to have a war with us over the Klondike boundary line. This will be awful news to those Anglo maniacs who roll up their trousers because it is wet in London, don't you know, but it is pleasant reading to all those genuine Americans who are opposed to that stupendous folly—an English-American alliance—and who from the beginning have known that John Bull's love for us is a hollow truce. Not that anybody with good sense desires war, but because Sir Wilfrid's attitude demonstrates thoroughly what all sensible people well understood before—to wit, that no nation can be too neighbor to England without being in perpetual hot water. John Bull never can be cured of his bad habit of coveting other people's land. On that subject he is incorrigible. But, much as he bankers after our goldfields, we will have no war with him for two all sufficient reasons—(1) we have thrashed him twice and would delight to give him a third dose, a heroic dose, of the same bitter medicine; (2) we owe him something like \$7,000,000,000. In one hour after war is declared congress, as a perfectly legitimate war measure, would confiscate every cent of that indebtedness. John comprehends both these potent and patent facts most clearly, and he will choke Sir Wilfrid Laurier off, and we will have our way in the Klondike, unless the administration barbers away our rights on this continent to buy John's friendship in Asia. So I think, on the whole, that the Anglo maniacs can go on sucking the heads of their canes, sticking monocles on their eyes, tolling up their trousers and singing "God Save the Queen" to their heart's content. We will not twist the British lion's caudal appendage this summer. Let would be too un-English, don't you know. But the time is not far distant when we will twist it, unless that greedy beast learns better manners.

Mark Hanna's Crony.

My good Republican friend, Colonel Charles P. Dick, member of congress and chairman of Ohio Republican state committee, Chesterfield statesman, bosom crony of Mark Hanna, journeyed all the way to Washington apparently for the purpose of assuring a plauditory world that he had no designs on the curule chair now occupied by Hon. J. R. Foraker, but that, on the contrary, he and "Fire Alarm" are

Two souls with but a single thought, Two hearts that beat as one.

Now, this should be marked "Important if true," and that "it" should be printed in letters as big as those of a circus poster. If the Mississippi should reverse its course and flow into Lake Itasca, if it should show on the equator, if Mark Hanna should follow Senator Chandler's advice and efface himself, then it may come to pass that Republicans in Ohio will cease to knife each other and the goose will hank high in Buckeye-land.

Colonel Dick is the Mark Taper of American politics and sees or seems to see a great victory in store for the Ohio Republicans this fall. That's such chief bliss as Charles Dickens never dreamed of when he created Mark. "Colonel Dick" is the name of the bag when he comes, in his in-

terview, to meet of Hon. John P. McKim's candidacy for the Democratic gubernatorial nomination and university remarks. "I really can't see why Mr. McKim should consider the nomination for governor," he said, "but I believe that he is looking to his effect upon his political standing next year and the year after."

And Senator Dick, you made a center shot that time and hit the bullseye squarely in the center.

That's precisely what Hon. John P. McKim is looking to, and I will advertise you that he can see as far into a millstone as the next one. Mr. McKim comes of a brave, thrifty, amiable, successful race. He desires political pre-eminence. He wants that gubernatorial nomination because he believes with his whole heart that the Democratic nominee will win hands down and that a vice-presidential or perhaps a presidential nomination is in sight for the Democratic winner, hence John P.'s longing and yearning for that nomination. And John P. is wise in his day and generation. He will make a great killing if he bags that gubernatorial nomination. Individually, I would like to see him get it. He is fit. In the prime of life, in fine health, full of vim, of fine presence, with a splendid home, possessed of money enough to put up a good fight, he will come out on top if nominated. Colonel McKim's Washington home is one of the most pleasant in that desirable city, where he and his accomplished wife dispense a generous hospitality. I have no doubt he would make the gubernatorial mansion in Columbus a delightful rendezvous for all Buckeye Democrats.

But my good friend, Colonel Dick, in enumerating objections to Colonel McKim's candidacy says, "One is the fact that there is a popular prejudice against a very rich man reaching political distinction." There is, is there? Since when, Colonel Dick, since when? I would like to see the proofs. Do you remember Russell A. Alger, John Sherman—gubernatorial fellows, even if John does accuse Russell in his book of buying his southern colored delegates away from him at Chicago on a memorable occasion? And do you remember Governor Bushnell and Hon. Stephen B. Elkins and Don Cameron and Willie Wallie Astor and Postmaster General Gary and all that motley throng of patriots who illustrate the latter day history of the Republican party? And where, oh, where is your Uncle Levi Morton and Whitelaw Reid and Charlesagne Tower and the rest of the Republican multimillionaires? Your memory is bad, Colonel Dick—very bad. You ought to get one of those newfangled systems for creating or improving the human memory—really you ought. And then there's your own dear, darling Mark. When did he become poor? What's the matter with Hanna?

Sayre's New Crusade.

It is genuine pleasure to think of the splendid figure Governor Joseph D. Sayre of Texas is cutting. It is a delight to know such a man. He is honest as the day is long, brave as a lion, faithful as the needle to the pole, an congressman I learned to love him. His way is my way and his eye is my eye. He is what he is. He is reliable as the sun in his coming. Nobody has to go on a voyage of discovery to find out his position. He is plain as an old shoe. There are no frills about him. It was a magnificent compliment paid him by the heroic Democracy of Texas when they nominated him by acclamation to be their governor while he was at Washington discharging his duties as a representative. I regretted to see him quit congress, where he was such a potent factor, but circumstances appear to have shaped themselves so that instead of rusting out in the gubernatorial office he is winning for himself new laurels and a wider and more enduring fame. He is rapidly forging to the front as a leader in the anti-trust crusade. If this succeeds, Sayre will become a great historic personage. Texas appears to be particularly good soil for breeding Democrats of prowess and of brains. Her delegation in congress is one of the three strongest, and they are mostly young men who have their careers before them.

Having experimented a great deal in talking to the public, I have long been of the opinion that the secret of good speech making is in knowing when to quit. This point is clearly illustrated by the following anecdote from the San Francisco News letter:

Mr. Maxwell McNutt is a gentleman as well as a lawyer, and he is quite a young lawyer. He had been trying a case in court and he had been very diffuse. In truth, some of the older practitioners declare he bordered on verbosity, and a languor and depression fell upon his hearers. The flood of his eloquence never promised to cease flowing, but finally it did stop. Mr. McNutt was proud of his achievement—intensely proud of it, but strange to say, nobody came up to him and gave him the glad hand. He sighed at a sympathetic friend.

"Ah," said he, "what did you think of my speech?"

"Great," replied the sympathetic friend, yawning.

"You really think it was great?"

"Indeed I do."

"And not too long?"

"Well—oh, no, not too long."

"I am glad you think I spoke well. Do you know," continued Mr. McNutt, swelling with pride, "I could speak like that all day."

"I have no doubt you could," muttered the friend, sotto voce, "but who in the devil would listen?"

Most aspiring orators would do well to plug that except in their hats and govern themselves accordingly.

Champ Clark



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The trip over the Allegheny Mountains may be made by day-light, and the grand scenery of the Seashore Curve, the Blue Mountains and surrounding rivers, and the fertile farming section of East River, Pennsylvania, may be enjoyed by persons who take advantage of this exceptional opportunity to visit the seashore—read this:

Excursion tickets will be sold to ten of the principal summer resorts along the Atlantic coast, viz: Atlantic City, Cape May, Angiers, Avalon, Holly Beach, Ocean City, and Rehoboth Beach, Delaware.

Choice of these ten resorts is offered at an unusual low rate. Tickets will be good for twenty-five days including the date of sale and will be good for stopover within the limit at Philadelphia, both going and returning.

Full information about rates, through time and other details will be furnished upon application to F. A. Baughman, Agent, Lima, O.

LEGAL NOTICE.

Case number 7491.

Catherine E. Crider, Plaintiff, vs. Joseph C. Crider, Defendant.

Joseph C. Crider, whose last known post-office address was Belmont, Illinois, will take notice that Catherine E. Crider, on the 24th day of July 1900, filed her petition in the probate court of Allen county, Ohio, to be appointed administrator of the estate of James Crider, deceased, and to receive from said Joseph C. Crider upon the ground of extreme cruelty, gross neglect of duty and habitual drunkenness, the sum of \$100,000,000,000, after September 1st, 1900.

CATHERINE E. CRIDER, By T. R. HAMILTON, her Attorney.

Notice of Appointment.

Estate of James Crider, deceased. The undersigned has been appointed and qualified as administrator of the estate of James Crider, late of Allen county, Ohio, deceased.

Dated this 24th day of July, A. D. 1900. J. B. HENDERSON, U. P. SHERMAN.

Notice of Appointment.

Estate of Joseph Schilling, deceased. The undersigned has been appointed and qualified as administrator of the estate of Joseph Schilling, late of Allen county, Ohio, deceased.

Dated this 24th day of August, A. D. 1900. J. F. HARRIS, Administrator.

Notice of Appointment.

Estate of Amos B. Miller, deceased. The undersigned has been appointed and qualified as administrator of the estate of Amos B. Miller, late of Allen county, Ohio, deceased.

Dated this 24th day of August, A. D. 1900. G. R. FETTER.

Anti-Epidemic Club.

A club is now being formed in Paris, the members of which swear never to shake hands with any one unless they are wearing gloves. Many members of the aristocracy have shown their willingness to support the organization, and a fine is to be imposed upon all members who are caught shaking hands without gloves. The formation of this curious club is undoubtedly the outcome of a recent discussion in a French medical journal. This paper endeavored to show that disease has occasionally been contracted by shaking hands without gloves.

\$100 Reward \$100.

The readers of this paper will be pleased to learn that there is at least one druggist who has been able to cure all the diseases of the system, thereby saving the patient the expense of a long and painful treatment. Dr. H. C. C. is a French physician, and he has been able to cure all the diseases of the system, thereby saving the patient the expense of a long and painful treatment. Dr. H. C. C. is a French physician, and he has been able to cure all the diseases of the system, thereby saving the patient the expense of a long and painful treatment.

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Traverse City, Petoskey and Mackinac.

Are the three principal objective points of the summer travel to Michigan, and in a certain sense their names signify the divisions into which Michigan resorts are naturally divided. The Grand Traverse Bay resorts, Omens, Neahawanta, Traverse Beach, Edgewood, etc., are all reached by boat or drive from Traverse City. Bay View, Harbor Point, Harbor Springs, Wequetonsing and Roaring Brook are the handsome resorts of Little Traverse Bay, which are connected with Petoskey by suburban train service, while Mackinac Island is a summer principality of itself. The Grand Rapids & Indiana railway takes you to these points on their direct line, with fast vestibuled trains carrying through sleeping cars from St. Louis, Chicago, Cincinnati, Louisville and Indianapolis. Dining car service between Grand Rapids and Mackinac City.

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FIGHT

For the City Lighting Contract Was
Opened Last Night.A New Proposition Submitted by the Electric
Light Co., and the Gas Co. Asks to
Be Heard From.

The city council met last night with the following members present: Shannahan, McDonald, Robbins, Welker, Koch, Harmon, Miller, Potter, Reichelderfer, Dobbins, McClurg and Davis. The following proposition from the Lima Electric Light and Power Co. was read by the clerk:

Lima, O., August 28, '99.
To the Honorable City Council, Lima, Ohio:

SIR: In view of certain improvements which we have already contracted for, and others that we propose to make in our plant, and in order to ascertain in some degree to what extent we may be justified in incurring the expense of these additional improvements in expectation of patronage, I desire, for the Lima Electric Light and Power Co., to submit the following proposition for a new contract for lighting the streets and alleys of the city of Lima, to take the place of the contract ordinance now in force, of the date September 17th, 1897.

We propose, upon the same general terms as those of the contract above mentioned, to furnish lights for the streets and alleys of the city of Lima, of a minimum number of 200 lamps, all to be kept burning all night and every night in the year (an average of about 7,000 hours per lamp per year) at \$90 per lamp per year.

For the purpose of comparison and as a basis of consideration of this proposition, I recite the salient features of the existing contract ordinance, together with some of the reasons why we will be enabled to reduce the price of the current furnished under this proposition.

The present contract provides for a minimum number of 100 lamps to be kept burning in accordance with the Philadelphia moonlight schedule, (an average of about 5,000 hours per lamp per year, at \$90 per lamp per year.

While this contract has been and still remains equitable in all respects to both parties thereto, yet, by careful computation and by exacting guarantees from parties with whom we are negotiating, we find that we can safely calculate on producing current when we have installed the improvements mentioned, at a cost that will justify us in making the foregoing proposition. It is essential, however, as an ordinary business precaution, which you will understand, that before concluding contracts for these improvements, we should know in some degree, at least, what patronage we may reasonably expect. This is our reason for submitting this proposition at this time, rather than waiting until the expiration of the existing contract; and we are willing, for the reasons indicated, by cancelling this contract upon the acceptance of this proposition, to give the City of Lima the benefit of the increased number and the reduced cost of lights for the balance of the term of the contract ordinance above mentioned.

Our plant is now, and has always been, an exceptionally economical one to operate, considering the cost of power and the requirements of current production, and its efficiency has always been in excess of the demands for a city of the size of Lima. But it is well known that the minimum of cost in the production of electric current cannot be reached except in cities where the required service is great enough to justify the cost of the employment of the latest improved machinery, and we are naturally anxious to encourage a development of this condition in Lima.

Due to the upward tendency of prices of all materials which enter into the construction of machinery such as we contemplate purchasing, the proposals we have from concerns with whom we are negotiating for these improvements are of such a character that we are unable to promise with certainty that this proposition of the City of Lima can be held open longer than one week from this date.

Respectfully,
B. C. FAIRBROT, Pres.

A COMPARISON
of the proposition of August 28th, 1899, with the present condition of lighting

ESTIMATE OF COSTS

Present cost of 100 lamps
\$1,500.00

Proposed cost of 200 lamps
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The clerk announced that the proposition was accompanied by a contract ordinance.

Mr. Miller said that there were a number of concessions made to the city by the new proposition and moved to refer the matter to the light committee.

THE GARBAGE CONTRACT.

Messrs. Potter and McClurg, of the special committee on the proposition for the removal and care of the city garbage reported in favor of the proposition that was made a week ago and Mr. Potter moved to accept the proposition.

Mr. Shannahan, a member of the committee, refused to sign or favor the report and stated that the proposition could not be a success unless the company making it could secure private contracts with the citizens and if they should do that at the rate of \$4 per year each, as proposed it would be entirely too good a thing for the company.

He said the health authorities were opposed to the plan and that they claimed the garbage could be taken care of for much less expense. Mr. Shannahan added that either the garbage from the poor families would not be taken care of or the plan would prove a hardship upon them. He wanted a plan devised that would give all the same service and be paid for by the city.

Mr. Koch said the city was now paying \$250 for the removal of garbage and the new company only asked \$100. J. D. Mertz, who has the present contract for the care of garbage submitted a proposition similar to that of the sanitary company for the consideration of \$80 per year and to remove garbage under contract for rates from 10 cents and not to exceed 50 cents per load.

Mr. Reichelderfer amended Mr. Potter's motion, moving to refer the entire matter back to the special committee.

Mr. McClurg favored the adoption of the special committee's report.

Mr. Reichelderfer's amendment was lost and the report of the special committee was adopted.

The police committee recommended the purchase of helmets, revolvers and other supplies needed by the police department.

Mr. Reichelderfer claimed that helmets were a portion of the suit mentioned in the ordinance to be furnished by the policemen and not the city. He amended moving to strike the word helmet from the report. The amendment lost and the recommendation was adopted.

The engineer recommended a grade for Cole street and the report was referred to the street committee.

Chief Phalen reported thirty two arrests for last week.

Second final estimate in favor of contractor John Van Sky for the extension of the Hog Creek ditch and a partial estimate in favor of the Columbia Construction Co. were referred to the street and paving committees, respectively.

LEGISLATION

Ordinance establishing grade of Union street from Kibby street to Circular alley was given its second reading and the engineer was instructed to include in it a grade for the street south of Kibby street.

Ordinance governing the city pound and fixing pound masters' fees was read and Mr. Shannahan moved to amend it by inserting a provision requiring the regular policemen to take charge of stray animals in the absence of the regular pound officer.

Mr. Potter wanted cow police appointed in each ward.

Nearly an hour was devoted to discussing various plans for the arrest of cows and in discussing parliamentaries and finally Mr. Potter's plan was adopted and the ordinance was referred to the solicitor to be amended.

Communication from J. D. Neely, of the Natural Gas Co., stating that if any change was to be made in the public high line he desired to submit a bid, was referred to the light committee.

Mr. Davis moved to simply receive and file the communication but his motion was lost.

MISCELLANEOUS.

Petition of south West street property owners for the appointment of Harry Kemper as paving inspector was referred to the paving committee.

The Columbia Construction Co. was granted an extension of thirty days time for the completion of the west North street improvement.

Claims of Ed and Mary Riorden for \$150 damages resulting from a defective culvert on east High street was referred to the solicitor.

Invitation of Trades Council for city officials to participate in Labor Day exercises next Monday was accepted.

Contracts and bonds of Z. Blodgett, sewer contractor and of McArthur & Co., for paving of Eureka street, were approved.

Solicitor stated that Mr. Harrison, of Cole street had served notice on him to enjoin sewer contractors.

The clerk was instructed to advertise for bids for construction of a sewer on Cole street from High to Spring street.

Appointment of Doll Murry and G. W. Myers as North street paving inspectors was confirmed.

Plat of Michael Welsh's addition to the city was accepted.

Council decided to meet Friday night to allow regular monthly bills on account of next Monday being Labor Day.

Adjourned.

THE STREET FAIR

Had a Very Successful Opening
Last Evening.

Attendance Unusually Large For the First
Night—The Hagenback Show
Arrives.

Promptly at 7:30 last evening the gates of the Lima Street Fair were thrown open to the public. The attendance far exceeded the expectations of the management. Notwithstanding the non arrival of the Hagenback trained wild animal show, every show on the grounds was well patronized. The streets of Lima were so crowded at times that it was necessary to have the camels' parade on the midway in order that the fair sex might enjoy their ride on the awkward, but very gentle, beasts of burden from the orient. Over one hundred ladies with escorts enjoyed this novel experience. It is quite the fad in all cities where the streets of Lima have been exhibited to make up camel parties. (Gay Paree, Electra, Darkness and Dawn, Jeffries-Fitzsimmons contest and Gypsy Camp were all well patronized, and the wonderful Venetian Gondolas were admired by everybody and did a thriving business. As stated yesterday, the Hagenback show was delayed by a wreck two lions were killed, besides several people injured. The big show arrived this morning over the C. & D. and will be open for business this evening. Joe Ferrari, the genial manager of the great wild animal show, "Hagenback," was able to save a beautiful baby lion, the mother of which was killed in the wreck. It will be on exhibition this evening.

YOUNG PEOPLE'S SOCIETY

Of south side Church of Christ, will give an ice cream and cake festival at the Big Tent on east Kibby street, Wednesday evening, Aug. 30. Admission 10 cents. Proceeds to go towards building a new church. Everybody come.

Now fall Guyer Hats at Michael's.

ATTENTION ODD FELLOWS.

There will be work in the first degree at Lima lodge No. 521 tonight. All brothers are cordially invited to attend.

C. T. GILMAN, N. G.
JAS. W. GINSLEY, Sec. Pro.

Richmond's Albinthol Scalp Tonic, used and for sale at Lut's Barber Shop.

Boy wanted—Inquire at Western Union Telegraph office.

For stomach trouble, try pure grape brandy, for sale by the California Wine Company.

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From Today's Roundup

And Concentrated for the Evening's Review.

Brief Notes of Limaites Abroad, Visitors
Who Are Here, and of the Day's
Happenings.

Deputy sheriff Mike Summers is in Akron on a vacation.

Mrs. M. O'Connell, of 670 north Jackson street, is quite ill.

Marion Monroe has returned from an extended visit in Cincinnati.

Albert Schneider, of Sidney, spent Sunday with friends in this city.

Casper L. Jeffries returned last night after a visit with his parents at Elwood, Ind.

Rev. A. Kohmescher, of Fryburg, Ohio, was the guest today of Joseph A. O'Connor.

Mrs. John I. O'Connor has returned from Mt. Clemens, Mich., much improved in health.

Mrs. Lon Bower has as her guests Mrs. James Reeves and daughter Elmore of Chicago.

Miss Marie Stephens, of Delphos, is the guest of Miss Lenore Simons, of south Main street.

Violet Monroe left Saturday for Cincinnati and will enter the college music September 4.

Mrs. J. F. Roush, of north Elizabeth street, is home from a pleasant visit with her parents in Titusville, Pa.

Mrs. George Feltz returned home yesterday from Buffalo, where she visited her son, Otmar Feltz, and family.

Richard McGoff, of Glynnwood, is the guest of his son, Frank McGoff, and family, of north Elizabeth street.

Mrs. R. T. Johnson and daughter, Belle, of Bucyrus, are the guests of Mrs. T. P. Johnston, of Central avenue.

Miss Mary Gray, of east Market street, returned last evening from a pleasant visit in Grand Rapids, Mich.

C. L. Haller, of New York City, was the guest Saturday of his sister, Mrs. Milton Carter, of north Elizabeth street.

Misses Edmere and Frances Ercoulomb, of east McKibben street, are the guests this week of Miss Mabel Bright, of Leipzig.

Misses Meta and Ethel Heffner, Harriet Coulndren, and Mayme and Dessie Peate have returned from a pleasant trip on the lakes.

M. D. Long, who by a sudden twist ruptured a blood vessel in one of his legs, several days ago, is still confined to his home on north Jackson street.

Miss Josie O'Connor, of Ft. Wayne, and Miss Annie Heffner, of Dayton are visiting their cousins, Misses Annie and Margaret Heffner, of north Jackson street.

Miss Vjula Sprague, of Minneapolis, a teacher in the public schools of that city, was the guest of her cousin, True Kilien and wife, of west Wayne street Sunday and yesterday.

Roy A. Schafer, of west McKibben street, after spending eight weeks of his vacation with his grandparents in Cincinnati, returned home Sunday evening, accompanied by his two aunts, Misses Tilly and Lena Schafer, who will be his guests for several weeks.

Mrs. Rebecca Worline has leased the second and third floors of the Brice block, known as the Mealy block, and when the repairs on the building are completed, will rent furnished rooms in it. The building is being entirely remodelled inside and a number of very desirable rooms will be provided.

MILL RUNNING.

The Ohio Zinc Company Are
Now Producing Ore.

The people in Lima in general, and those who have invested money in the Missouri zinc mining industry in particular, will be interested in knowing that the Ohio Zinc Co., composed principally of Lima men, has started its mill and is producing daily large quantities of as fine pick, or zinc, as is produced in the Missouri field.

A letter received today from C. H. Cole, manager of the company's property, states that the new mill has been started running and that the quality of the ore they are producing is very high. The capacity of the mill is estimated to be ten tons per day of ten hours. If two ten-hour shifts are run the output can be doubled. The stockholders in Lima are elated over the progress of the work and expect big returns from it. A number of them will make a flying trip to Missouri in a short time to look the property over. Among those who will go will be J. D. Neely and John B. Kerr.

COURT NEWS.

Inquest of Lunacy Held at the
Court House Today.

PROBATE MATTERS.

In the matter of the estate of Augusta Miller, deceased, William F. Miller, administrator, filed his first and final account.

In the matter of the estate of Mary S. Stockton, deceased, R. H. Brooks, as executor, filed an inventory of the estate of said decedent.

In the matter of the estate of Thomas R. Jones, deceased, an application for the appointment of an executor was filed.

The will of Thomas R. Jones, deceased, was probated.

In the matter of the estate of Thomas R. Jones, deceased, John E. Evans, was appointed executor.

REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS.

Samuel East to M. L. Barnes, a portion of land in section 22, Amanda township, \$10.

J. B. Adams et al. to Brough Judy, a private alley lying west of lot 2144 in Pillars' addition to Lima, \$50.

Lee Seinsheimer to Leonard Place, lot 75 in Seinsheimer's addition of Clifton to Lima, \$150.

S. N. Marriott and wife to Leroy Crider, lot 44 in Hume, \$300.

Jacob L. Shook and Mary J. Shook to John T. Glaze and Mary E. Glaze, land in the southwest quarter of section 17, of Auglaize township, \$250.

This is bill day in the county commissioner's office.

MARRIAGES.

John J. Young, aged 41, of Peoria, Ill., and Elizabeth C. Kinard, aged 29, of Lima—Rev. Mitchell.

James Allen, aged 35, and Ella Jacoby, aged 21, both of Lima. Justice Donnell.

INQUEST.

An inquest of lunacy was held in the probate judge's office this afternoon on Maggie Coifer, an unmarried Irish girl about 22 years of age. Dr. J. Weadock was the examining physician. Miss Colfer was born and raised in Ireland and has been in this country about six months.

DEATH'S HARVEST.

Aged Widow of Noah Sidener
Died Last Night.

Daughter of W. L. Allen, of Rowlands Avenue, Died This Morning—
Funeral Announcements.

Mrs. Mary A. Sidener, widow of Noah Sidener, died at 9 o'clock last night at her home in Perry township, death resulting from bowel trouble. The deceased was aged 72 years.

The funeral service will be held at Olive chapel at 2 o'clock (sun time) tomorrow afternoon. The remains will be taken to Lancaster, Ohio, for interment, leaving here over the C. & E. early Thursday morning.

LENA BELLE ALLEN.

Lena Belle Allen, the little daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Allen, of Rowlands avenue, died at 6 o'clock this morning. The funeral cortege leave the residence at 9 o'clock tomorrow and the service will be conducted from the United Brethren church at Allentown.

Warakona Fair, October 3 & 6.

Rate of one and one third fare for the round trip will be made by the C. H. & N. Ry. Tickets sold on October 3 to 6 inclusive, limited to Oct. 7th for return.

New fall Guyer Hats at Michael's.

Richmond's Albinthol Scalp Tonic at Lut's Barber Shop. Single application 10 cents. 1-6t.

Now fall Guyer Hats at Michael's.

Mason fruit, jars 30 cents a dozen at Arndts.

The Dunlap Hat
For Fall Wear.

The styles for Fall and winter seasons of this celebrated Hat will be placed on sale Thursday, August 31st, this being the regular opening day. We are reserving orders for in and out of town now.

FRANK A. HUME,
SOLE AGENT.

A Bargain
For Today

--- AT ---
G. E. BLUEM'S.

Fine Percales, worth 12 1-2c, for 5c per yard.
Fine Dress Gingham, worth 12 1-2c, for 5c per yard.

These are two good bargains. See them.

G. E. BLUEM,
57 Public Square.

CARROLL & COONEY.

The
Largest
Stock
of
Lace Curtains
in Lima.

CARROLL
& COONEY.

The Animals Arrived
And Townsend's street fair is now open, with free music, free parade, etc. Come one and all, it costs you nothing at Townsend's market, 229 north Main. See Townsend's free street fair.

DR. FORSTER ROBINSON,
DENTIST
Parlors 2nd Floor, Opera House Block.
231 ROOM 15.